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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2008 AS "FFA AND 4-H DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H have been premier youth leadership
organizations in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H sponsor chapters and clubs in rural
and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, over ninety thousand youth between the ages of
five and twenty-one years old participate in FFA and 4-H youth
development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H youth development programs are
diverse and help participants acquire important life skills,
including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical
thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict
resolution and communication skills, that directly contribute
to the successful transition of young people into productive
adults; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H participants report having greater
confidence and a more positive self-identity, stating that
they have greater control over events in their lives and a
better ability to make decisions on their own, set goals and
take responsibility for their actions, and that there are many
things in which they can take pride and their lives have
purpose and meaning;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contributions
3 of FFA and 4-H to the state, January 30, 2008 be declared "FFA
4 and 4-H Day" at the legislature; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to New Mexico state university's FFA and 4-H youth
7 development organizations. _____

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